

Appl. No. 10/664,560
Docket No. 9364
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REMARKS

Claim Status

Claim 1 has been amended to define the claimed invention with greater specificity by reciting that the multi-ply product comprises a first fibrous structure ply and a second fibrous structure ply that form a consumer accessible tab when bonded together. Support for this amendment is found throughout the Specification, especially at page 5, lines 5-9, and page 5, lines 23-30, and in the Claims as originally filed.

Claims 5 and 16-27 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 1-4, 10-15 are pending in the present application. No additional claims fee is believed to be due.

It is believed these changes do not involve any introduction of new matter. Consequently, entry of these changes is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 USC §102(b) Over U.S. Pat. Nos. 3,960,272 and 3,912,571 to Hartbauer

Claims 1-5, 10-12 and 15 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Pat. Nos. 3,960,272 and 3,912,571 to Hartbauer et al. (hereinafter referred to as "Hartbauer"). The Examiner asserts that Hartbauer teaches a multi-ply product of the type contemplated by Applicants.

Applicants respectfully submit that Hartbauer fails to teach each and every element of Claim 1, (the independent claim) as amended, because Hartbauer fails to teach a multi-ply product that comprises a consumer accessible tab that is formed by a first ply and second ply being bonded together. Accordingly, Applicants submit that Claim 1, as amended, is not anticipated by Hartbauer. Further, Applicants submit that Claims 2-4, 10-12, 13 and 15 (Claim 5 has been cancelled), which ultimately depend from Claim 1, as

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amended, are not anticipated by Hartbauer for the same reasons that Claim 1, as amended, is not anticipated by Hartbauer.

Conclusion

This response represents an earnest effort to place the present application in proper form and to distinguish the invention as claimed from the applied reference(s). In view of the foregoing, entry of the amendment(s) presented herein, reconsideration of this application, and allowance of the pending claim(s) are respectfully requested.

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